

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-18, 20-38 and 41-42 are present in the application. Independent claims 1, 25, 33, 36, 38 and 41 have been amended to include language to the effect that the mattress is articulated at the joints provided in the support structure and that it is the which accomplishes the articulation, i.e., that the articulation takes place at the joints.

The Examiner at page 7 of the Office Action has indicated that if the claims were amended to recite that the mattresses articulated at the joints and that the joints accomplish the articulation... the independent claims would be allowable.

This has now been done and it is submitted that the independent claims as well as the claims dependent thereon are all allowable. Notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

As defined in all of the amended claims, the applicants include the features of a berth mattress comprising a plurality of segments, a support structure having a plurality of joints, the articulation taking place at the joints, i.e., the joints accomplishing the articulation. At least one inflatable member is provided which articulates said support structure into a plurality of segments and at least one pump actuating said at least one inflatable member and articulating at least one portion of both of the support structure and the berth mattress. The key is that the mattress and its support are adapted for being articulated by the inflatable member, so that the joints accomplish the articulation.

As the Examiner has said expressly amended claims would be allowable, there is no need to discuss and distinguish the cited art.

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It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and notification to
thereof is now respectfully requested.

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